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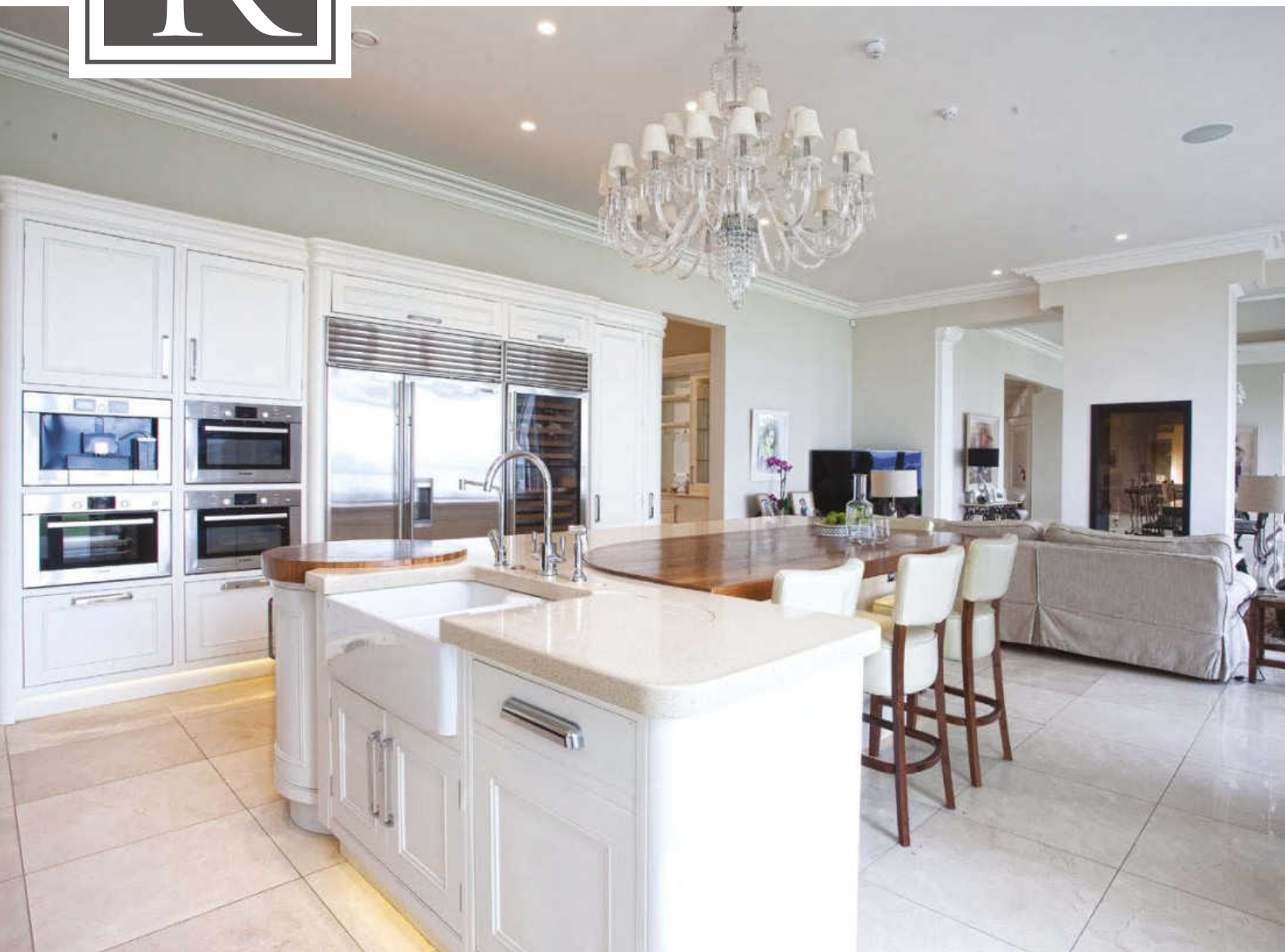
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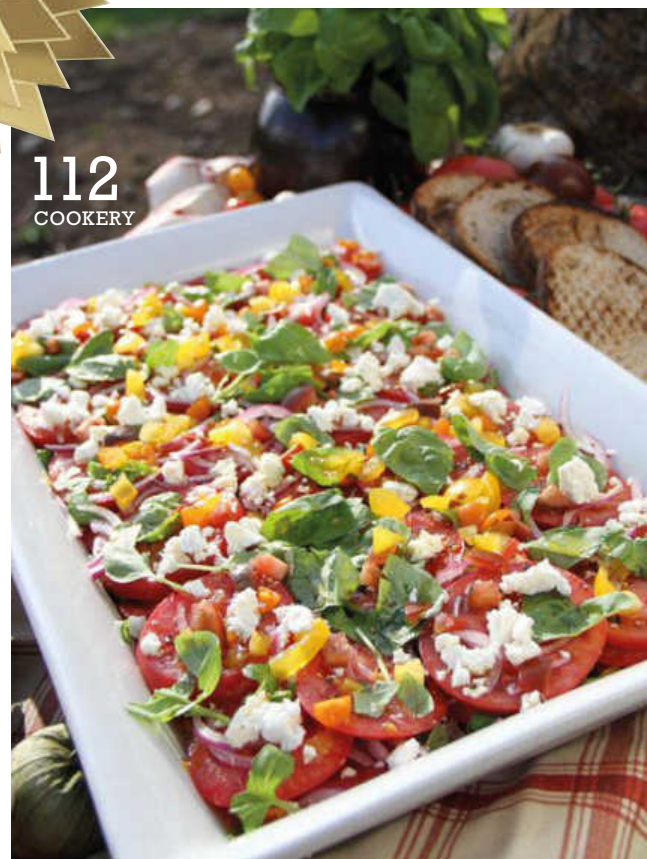
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The start of a new season offers no better time to switch things up with a little bit of a spring clean. This issue we bring you all the latest trends for 2016 to help inspire your interiors; from the latest Pantone colours to the resurgence of dining rooms and the home office as well as bringing the outdoors in and injecting some glamour. If you are considering changing your bathroom then our bathroom feature is a must, with a collection of the latest

showers, baths and sanitaryware for you to ponder, in a range of both traditional and contemporary stylings. Moving to the kitchen, we take a look at some of the latest in fridge freezer technology.

Speaking of the kitchen, Kate and Daniel's Cork home was undergoing a complete renovation and extension when they called in Newcastle Design to create their dream kitchen and they couldn't be happier with the finished result.

Our homes this issue take us to Foxleigh Hall in Dromore; set within 20 acres of beautiful countryside, this beautiful family home has been dramatically decorated by Beaufort Interiors and homeowners Paul and Bernie. Moving South, Liz and Padraig's beautiful countryside new build in Louth boasts lots of natural light. They were sad to leave their friendly neighbourhood but couldn't wait to build their own house. Next we're off to Dublin city centre to see Simon and Jo's incredibly unique renovated stable home, where the rustic charm of the building lends itself to the overall industrial style, full of deep colours and exposed brick walls.

This issue Deirdre Prince looks at garden trends for 2016 so that even your shrubs and tubs are up-to-date and looking great!

In our travel pages we focus on some of the things you can do around Ireland on St. Patrick's Day - from parades to climbing mountains, there is something in there for all the family to enjoy. A little bit further away - and sunnier - is Sydney; with its stunning coastline and buzzing inner city it is a breath of fresh-air and will offer the holiday of a lifetime.

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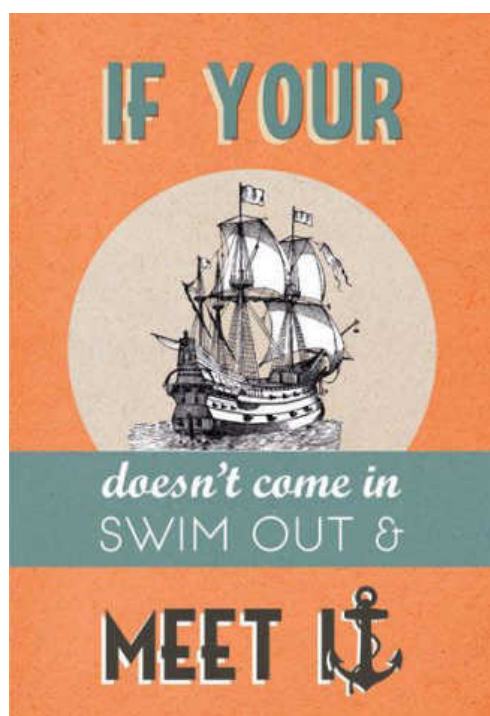
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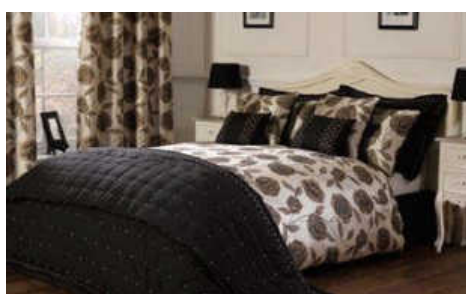
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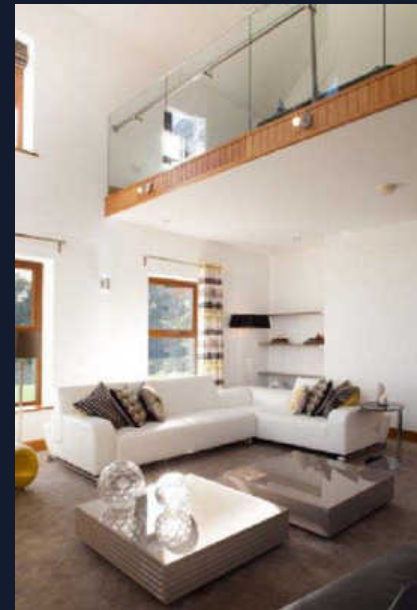
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Sleeping Spaces

Spring colours, stylish
furnishings and playful
accessories for your bedrooms.

Take Four...

Golden Glow
Gold sunbeam mirror from **The
French Bedroom Company**. £640.
frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk



Well Dressed
Aldo dressing table from
Made. £279. made.com

STYLE STEAL

Katie by **Christy at The OUTLET.**

From £70 (RRP £100) for a single duvet.

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Phone Banbridge 028 4062 7817.

the-outlet.co.uk

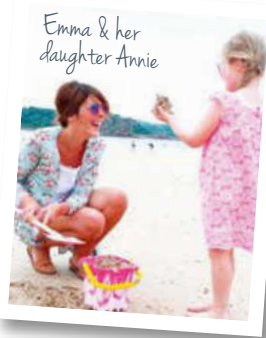
EXPERT OPINION

Emma Martin

lifeatthelittlewood.co.uk

Q Have you any tips for personalising furniture?

A It's really simple to change handles on drawers and cupboards, and you can alter the whole look of a piece depending on your theme. From vintage influenced glass and ceramic drawer pulls, to a more industrial, retro or Art Deco style, often the same piece of furniture can be given several different looks. I'm also a huge advocate of painting tired or dated pieces. You can end up really rekindling the love for an item that you previously thought old fashioned. Don't sell or consign furniture until you imagine it in a different colour or stain and with different hardware. It can look like an entirely new piece and one that's completely unique to you too!



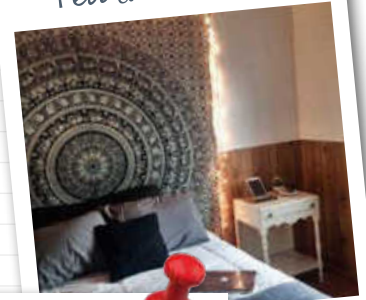
Moodboard

A few of our favourite things for March.

From hot air balloons to wall mounted fabric, here are some interesting bedroom décor ideas...



Feature Wall



Make a style statement with some fabric and fairy lights.

Child's Play



Whimsical air balloon decoration from **mamamaonline.etsy.com**

Newsflash!

The doodle duvet and pillowcase comes with a set of 10 double-ended doodle wash-out pens. Whatever comes into your head during the night, or perhaps there's a message you wish to write here for someone else to read, this is the place to do it!



Double Duvet, £55 & Pillowcase, £15.50 from eatsleepdoodle.com

Sharp Shapes

Ferm Living large geometry cushions from **Maven**. £49. wearemaven.co.uk



Holding Up

Menu jewellery holder. £39. black-by-design.co.uk

Mirror Mirror

vintage handheld mirrors looks great hung on a bedroom wall. This set of two mirrors cost £15.95 from liveloughlove.co.uk



Nursery Update

Modern day nursery ideas. Loving the mix of pink and grey!





Bathing Spaces

A selection of inspirational ideas for the bathroom.



Happy Feet
George Home Bathe
bath mat. £8. george.com



Polly Pineapple
Retro pineapple toothbrush holder from
acorn & will adds a fun splash of colour
to any bathroom. £7.50. acornandwill.co.uk

STYLE STEAL

Grohe Grandera warm sunset from Beggs & Partners, Ballymena 028 2564 5121, Belfast 028 9023 5791, Lisburn 028 9262 1133, Newtownards 028 9182 6680, Maghera 028 7964 5599 and Portadown 028 3839 2000.

EXPERT OPINION

Dave Thornback,
UK Sales Manager, Vasco.
vasco.eu



Q What is the best radiator options for a bathroom?

A 'A suitable radiator design for the bathroom is one which either has gaps or a rail around it for hanging towels. A popular design is the 'ladder' radiator in white or chrome which fits in well with old and new style bathrooms. However, there is a growing trend for alternative designs and finishes that transform the radiator into a design statement. To create an ultra-contemporary look consider smooth, sleek radiator designs in a variety of colours in a matt finish to blend with modern bathrooms. Or, if your room is traditional, look for copies of vintage shapes and styles and think about choosing a fun colour for a modern twist.'



Newsflash!

Add interest with Geometric shaped tiles! Stearing away from printed patterns this look is created by individually geometrically shaped tiles, which means you can create fabulous unique patterns of your own by mixing up the colours of the tiles and creating interest. These hexagon tiles for floors and walls come in matt and glossy; in an array of neutral and pastel colours, from Creative Stone & Tile. Phone 028 8225 7673. *creativestoneandtile.co.uk*

Moodboard

Our favourite things online this month...



Casual styling as seen on **interiorththerapy.co.uk** (photography by Jamie Mason) and interested added storage for your books as seen on **smithandvancent.com** both via *houzz.co.uk*

The Reading Room



Stand Still

Traditionally a plant stand but makes for an interesting ornamental stand too, from **MiaFleur**. £78.95. *miafleur.com*



Brighten Up

Axor lamp shower by Nendo with shower arm from **Hansgrohe**. £1,500. *hansgrohe.co.uk*



Roll up, roll up!

Light up the the room with these quirky carnival letters from **Design 55 Interiors**. £50. *design55online.co.uk*



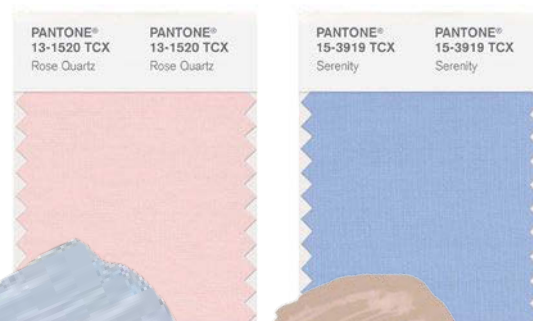
Rose geometric bud vase
from **MiaFleur**. £12.95.
miafluer.com



Serenity Fabric,
available in Sky,
Pink, Poppy, Mint
and Grey from
Barker & Barker.
£39 per metre.
barkerandbarker.co.uk

Double Trouble

This year Pantone have spoiled us with not one, but two 2016 colours of the year. This year we look look at Serenity and Rose quartz, both calming but contrasting shades.



Myland paints in
Bridge blue and Eccleston
pink. Price on request.
myland.co.uk



Izzy two seat sofa in Sky from **Sofa.com**. £1,240. sofa.com

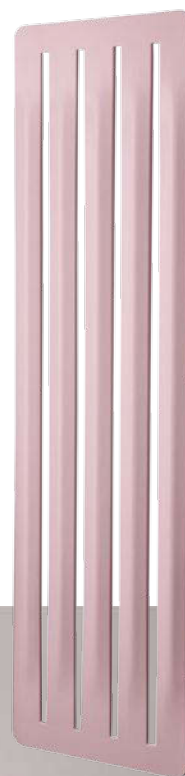


Christy Supreme sky towels. From £3.50 to £30. christy-towels.com



Arrow vertical radiator in light pink from **The Radiator Company**. 1,800H x 410W mm. From £675.60. theradiatorcompany.co.uk

Roberts Revival DAB radio. Price on request. robertsradio.co.uk



Nubie Kilo Cotbed and Junior Bed in soft pink. £699. nubie.co.uk



Coral Blush shutters from **Clement Browne's** Westcliff Collection. From £250 per m². clementbrowne.co.uk



Goya Bench from **The Sofa & Chair Company**. From £1,165 plus fabric. thesofaandchair.co.uk



in the Know

This month Patricia McGinnis from Maven embraces spring and highlights her interior finds.



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Refreshing your home for spring

Spring is an energising time as days begin to get longer, evenings are brighter and spring flowers appear. There's no better time then to open your windows wide and refresh your home. Here are a few of my top tips...

- *Bring the outside in with plants or foliage. A few springs of eucalyptus smell divine and last for ages. Or pop a few buds from your garden in a cute little vase and you'll be sure to brighten up your day. Take pleasure in doing these little things.*
- *Get a new front door mat. If yours has seen better days then treat yourself to a new one and smile every time you come home.*
- *Think about getting rugs and carpets cleaned – a relatively inexpensive fix that can make them feel like brand new again.*
- *Wash your cushion covers and throws, you'll fall in love with them all over again.*

MUST HAVE!

Muuto Restore Basket. £65.

Mainly made from fibres extracted from recycled plastic bottles, the Restore is an all-purpose versatile basket and is strong enough to be used for magazines, toys or even firewood. Put one in every room in the house and you've instantly got a place to put all the bits that end up lying around – makes tidying up a cinch.



we-are-scout.com Blog

There is something very exciting happening creatively in Australia at the moment and creative and lifestyle blog We Are Scout is further evidence of this. The blog is a joint collaboration between Sydney Lisa Tilse and Rebecca Lowrey Boyd and you'll find delectable home tours and more. The tagline is: Hunting. Gathering. Making. The Good Stuff.

3 of the best... Throws

Muuto 'Loom'
Blue. £79.
wearemaven.co.uk



Hay 'Plus 9'
Dark Green. £149.
wearemaven.co.uk



SCP 'Field Day'
Black Forest. £204.
scp.co.uk



Belfast Food Tour

What's On...

If you love food and drink, particularly of the local kind, then this is the way to discover it. This walking tour takes you on a culinary adventure around Belfast City Centre tasting up to 25 different foods and drinks from NI. The tour takes place every Saturday, some Fridays and Sundays. Private tours can be arranged. For more information and to book tickets go to: belfastfoodtour.com



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SHOWERS



Helen Rogan

Ulster Weavers

Ulster Weavers is a textile company based in Hollywood, County Down. The company continue to spin, weave, bleach and finish the linen for which Ireland and Ulster are world famous for. Designer Helen Rogan gives us a feel of what Ulster Weavers is all about today.

I have worked as a designer for Ulster Weavers for the past ten years,' explains Helen. 'My job can be diverse and involves everything from hand drawn watercolours and sketches for tourist souvenir tea towels, to creating more graphic style patterns using design software. I enjoy being involved in the process of an initial idea with a customer right through to making sure designs are ready for print and production.'

As Helen explains, 'Inspiration is gathered through research or general observation usually. The designers and sales team will notice emerging trends and we tend to chat a lot! My influences are taken from fashion, interior design and consumer/lifestyle trends as well as fashion forecasts. 'We may notice a specific colour palette emerging as a trend or a style or pattern and this can be the initial starting point to create a new design or collection. After the inspiration and ideas have formed, it is a matter for Ulster Weavers to bring them to life.

'Once we have a design mood or direction we will then work on illustrations and patterns, whatever is required to best meet the brief. The process usually involves playing with colour variations and adding accent colours and/or printed linings and trims to enhance the final design,' Helen explains. 'It is important to keep in mind the finished products during the process - what looks good on a large item like an apron will not always directly translate to a small item such as a mug.'

Having been around for such a long time, and kept to the same high quality standard throughout those years, Ulster Weavers have managed to still remain relevant and continue to produce fresh designs. 'In the ten years that I have worked here, I have noticed a fabulous evolution of design and product,' says Helen. 'There has been an organic shift away from predominantly traditional kitchen type designs and an embrace of more current fashions and trends. Customer tastes have changed and they are embracing quirkier designs. They are also expressing their personality through their homes and the accessories within it. This new fashion-ware demographic means that as designers we can have a lot more fun and Ulster Weavers is a step ahead when it comes to offering forward thinking designs.'

With so many fabulous designs and product lines, we can't help but wonder does Helen have a favourite? 'I absolutely love our quirky knitted tea cosies, they make great gifts and always raise a smile. I have friends who collect them!' She explains. 'My favourite range is 'Bananas' by Horrockses which is a bold and fun 1950's style illustration print. My kitchen is neutral and this design is just wacky and fun enough to add a little cheer.'



COMPETITION

Ireland's Homes Interiors & Living magazine along with Ulster Weavers are offering one reader the chance to win a Dotty Sheep Hamper worth £105.50.

How to enter

Answer the following question:
How long has Helen worked at Ulster Weavers?

Send your answer, name, address, email and phone number marked **Ulster Weavers Competition** to Ireland's Homes Interiors & Living magazine, PO Box 42, Bangor, County Down, BT19 7AD or Ashgrove House, Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin or enter online at: ihil.net

Entries must be received no later than 5pm on Friday 4th March 2016. One entry per household. One separate email/postcard for each competition. Judge's decision is final. No cash alternative. Prizes are non-transferable.

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Dining Room
'The multi-roles'
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A hot topic
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Beds, bedding and storage

SUMPTUOUS SHOWROOMS...

Andrew Ryan

From its inception in the 1970s to this day, Andrew Ryan's success is deeply rooted in family heritage and integrity as the company continues to offer customers high-quality, custom-made furniture, which is handcrafted with precision and engineered on-site.

Andrew Ryan's first kitchen showroom opened in 1973 at their founding workshop at Ballyloughan and the current showroom was opened in 1990 at their factory in Clonattin Lower, Gorey.

In 2007 the premises were extended to incorporate even more kitchen displays, which are typically changed every two to three years by rotation.

The showroom has three large complete kitchen displays, a selection of wardrobes and also a number of vanity cabinets on display. The large kitchen displays are classic,

contemporary classic and contemporary.

Rather than a large number of larger displays, the philosophy with the Andrew Ryan showroom is to have complete kitchen/wardrobe displays rather than a number of smaller displays. This enables clients to get an understanding of how a particular style of kitchen would look completed in their home.

All of the appliances used within the individual kitchen designs are from high end brands Siemens, Gaggenau, Sub-Zero, AGA, Miele, Fisher & Paykel and Wolf. These appliances are fitted and working within

the kitchen displays allowing the designers to demonstrate them and explain their functionality and benefits to customers.

Located beside their manufacturing facility, the Andrew Ryan showroom is perfectly placed to offer customers the opportunity to see the workshop and take a short tour of where their kitchen will be made. Many clients find this very informative and it demonstrates to them the unique bespoke nature of the furniture they are purchasing when they get to see for themselves that Andrew Ryan furniture is all handmade with no bought in components.

Andrew Ryan
Clonattin Lower, Gorey, Co. Wexford
(Take Exit 22 off the N11 for Gorey and the showroom is located 2k on the left)
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Jane Carr the Luxe
in truffle. £310.
jane-carr.com



M&S Mum cushion. £19.50.
marksandspencer.com



'Special Mum'
lavender heart from
**The Contemporary
Home**. £9. tch.net



Amara Ladurée
Macarons keyring
in mint. £32.50.
amara.com



Chanel Chance Eau Vive. £79
for 100ml. debenhams.com



Sainsbury's house
shaped doorstop. £12.
sainsburys.co.uk

Mum's the Word

Here is some gift inspiration for
mum this Mother's Day.

Midnight Earrings
from **Cadenza**. £129.
cadenza.co.uk



Links of London 20/20
Bi-Metal Bracelet. £275.
linksoflondon.com



Rose & Bee mum
mug by **Emma
Bridgewater**. £19.95.
emmabridgewater.co.uk



Charlotte Tilbury Magic Cream. £70.
charlottetilbury.com



Jo Malone Mimosa
London & Cardamom
Home Candle. £42 for 200g.
jomalone.co.uk

A gorgeous handmade
vase in pastel pink from
Annabel James. £14.95.
annabeljames.co.uk





Go with the Flow

Having a bathroom that fully functions exactly as you need means you will enjoy the space all the more. Check out some of these latest baths, showers and sanitaryware.



Neptune Chichester wash stand. From £1,650.



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1 Axor One from **Hansgrohe** is the brand's first all-in one interactive shower control element. It creates a new spaciousness in the shower, by consolidating many individual controls into one simple element. Price on request. **2** **Grohe** Sensia Arena wall mounted WC. Price on request. **3** **Maison Valentina's** luxurious Lapiatz bathtub. Price no request. **4** **Bauhaus** Svelte 80 unit basin in white. Price on request. **5** Bordi bathtub in Duralight from **Teuco** comes in five exclusive shades; ivory, lunar grey, white pastel, grey whisper and Sand. Price on request. **6** Touch by **Triton**. From £240/€325. **7** Created by **Duravit** and Phoenix Design, P3 Comforts is a complete bathroom range that modifies simple geometric forms to render them aesthetically calming and extremely comfortable to use. Price on request. **8** **Fired Earth's** Nagoya basin (£350/€430.50) and Metro wall-mounted three hole basin mixer (£900/ €996), show against a back drop of new Futurism tiles (£79/€97).



TIPS FOR DECORATING YOUR BATHROOM

The first thing to consider when decorating your bathroom is the general style you want to achieve, is it traditional or contemporary? From here you can then start to think of colour schemes, cool blue hues can lend itself well to contemporary trends whereas warmer ambers, yellows and gold shades suit a more traditional look. If you are trying to create a modern vibe then look at baths and showers that offer a more stream-lined look, such as built-in or floor to ceiling glass enclosures. Look to the more ornate styled baths to achieve a more classic look, paying special attention to taps and shower heads as these can add to the overall look. Remember, your bathroom doesn't have to be boring! Inject some personality into the room by making use of the walls by hanging art to fit in with the overall style of the room. You can also make use of wall space by putting up shelves, placing framed prints on them, plants or ornaments - easily changeable items to freshen up the look.



BATHROOMS



1 The Decem sliding door enclosure from **Roman Showers** features a soft close door system, to present a silent and ultra-smooth running door action. The minimalistic enclosure incorporates Roman's water safe system to direct the water back into the showering area. £1,250. Euro price on request. **2** ME By Starck collection from **Duravit**. Price on request. **3** Triton Unichrome Mersey Bar Mixer with fixed head. €430. Sterling on request. **4** Leap walk in from **Mira Showers**. Price on request.

ARMANI / **Roca**

A new bathroom concept



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1 Donbracht's latest addition to its portfolio of unrivaled design classics is the CL.1 from C.P. Hart is sleek and yet decorative. Price on request. **2 Merlyn Showering** 10 series offset quadrant shower. €1,680. Sterling price on request. **3 Simpsons** TEN ingle slider shower enclosure. £915. **4 Grohe** 3 Rapid SL glass module in moon white. Price on request. **5 Eden** basin from **Maison Valentina**. Price on request. **6 Bauhaus** Torino basin. Price on request. **7 The Pelipal** Solitaire 6900 is the ideal range for cloakrooms and ensuites, adding huge style to smaller spaces. Price on request. **8 Crosswater** Waldorf wall mount bath filler. Price on request.





1 Mike Pro shower kit in chrome with 300mm fixed shower head from **Crosswater**. £119. Euro price on request. **2** Eliptico freestanding bath with aged copper exterior from **Roca**. £2,153.16.

STOCKISTS

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bauhaus-bathrooms.co.uk (s).

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Soaks Bathrooms,
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2016 Interior Trends

Here are just a few trends
making an impact in 2016.



From **Sanderson** Woodland Walk Collection, Sofa: Magnolia and Pomegranate 225505; Cushions L-R: Woodland Berries 225531, Squirrel and Hedgehog 225523, Chestnut Tree 225514 and Portland 233235. Prices on request.



Outdoors Indoors

One of the strongest interior trends for 2016 is bringing the outdoors indoors. From fabrics, wallpaper, paint colours to your decorative items – including lots of fresh foilage – it all gives a feeling of living in natural, outdoor surroundings. Add some exotic styling with bold colours.

Above: The new Fauvisimo collection from **Harlequin**. Prices on request.

Right: Designers Guild for **Ulster Weavers** combines heritage, quality and inspiration with its exciting use of colours and patterns. It brings together Designer Guild's classic prints including Amrapali Peony, Franchini stripe and Mokuren Graphite. Exuberant floral blooms are back in force here with vibrant shades of pink, burnt orange and yellow. Florals travel a step further into the East with ornate hand drawn motifs and free flowing ferns and leaves – all which act as an homage to oriental gardens. Products available in this collection include aprons, tea towels, oven gloves, tea cosies and pot mitts. From £6.50/€8.78 to £18/€25.



Get Glam

Whether your living room, kitchen or bedroom it's time to introduce a bit of glamour to your home in 2016.

The imagery for the black and white marble wallpapers by Piet Hein Eek from **Lagoon** was scanned from the floor of an old building in Amsterdam to create this stunning reproduction of marble. 10mx48.7cm: £199 per roll.



From **Zoffany**, Curtains: Moon Silk 332460 Taupe, £98 per metre; Paint: Silver Flat Emulsion, £43 for 2.5L; Josephine Reading Chair: Quartz Velvet 331619, £107 per metre; Throw: Birodo Velvet 332415 Smoke, £78 per metre; Cushion: Kobushi Magnolia 322462 Grey Blue, £98 per metre and Lamp: Zoffany Fiametta Smoke Blue, £480.80.



From **Kylie Minogue At Home**, the Mezzano collection dazzles in warm praline with shimmering sequins graduated in tones of praline and silver. From £66 for a single duvet; pillowcase £20 and throw £135.



Add some glamour to your tea time with these gorgeous metallic mugs from Pols Potten at **Design55 Interiors**. £29 for a set of four.



LuxDeco agate sculpture by Katherine Pooley stands at 30cm tall on a sleek iron base. £300.



Decorative Italian artistic wood, enriched with beautiful vibrant colours from **Creative Stone & Tile**. Available in a selection of colours. Price on request.



Copper floor lamp from **MiaFleur**. £138.



Gia Chandelier and Vamp Sofa from **Koket**. Prices on request.

Deftly Does It!

The pottery of choice from 17th-century Holland is every bit as coveted today, thanks to its charming depictions of country life forever preserved in inky blues and soft whites.



The Fusion series from **Porcellana Tile Studio** introduces fabulous patterns inspired by vintage rugs. Available in two colours. Prices on request.



Coralie basin from the **London Basin Company**. £570.



Colours China Blue silk emulsion paint from **B&Q**. £13.94 for 2.5L.



Blue Hen teapot by **Emma Bridgewater**. £59.95.

Home Work

Now we're no longer chained to desktop computers, the last few years have seen the demise of the desk, but the honeymoon period for working on the sofa is officially over. In 2016 we'll be separating work from relaxation to increase productivity. Be it a full scale home office or a small nook, we'll be rearranging our homes to welcome back the desk.

The Ebony desk from **Harvey Norman** is both stylish and functional and perfect for the home office. With its aged look and classic leather covered top, its smart looks are just the start. This sturdy desk is manufactured out of solid mountain ash wood. With one large filing drawer you can keep all your files neat and tidy and close to hand. A medium sized drawer gives you plenty of space to store your belongings so you can keep your desk clear and stay focused on your work. There is also a small drawer on the top for all your small bits and pieces that you need close to hand but want to keep out of sight. £499/€699.



Ebony & Ivory

Trends come and go but there is always room each season for monochrome interiors. Black and white is the perfect foil for soft tones and to place against strong colours. It's timeless.



Monochrome planter collection from **Rigby & Mac**. From £4.95.



Sue Timeny teacup and saucer from **M&S**. £9.50.

Charlotte Jade feathers cushion from **Amara**. £70.



Ceramic jug by Cecily Bessey at **Etsy**. Price on request.





Dine In

Formal dining rooms are set to make a comeback in 2016. This entertaining space should be functional and stylish reflecting your own personal tastes and the overall décor of your home.

Above: The beauty of the STORNÄS extendable table from **IKEA** is that it will not only suit any décor style of a dining room, but is available in two options, depending on the extendable length required. Matching chairs to the table is easy, from contemporary scoop chairs and casual comfort, to a classic high back style. STORNÄS extendable table, £225 and £300/€275 and €350; NILS chair with armrests £75/€85. **Right:** Neptune Sheldrake 110-270cm extending oak table, £1,195/€1,380; Montague Lloyd Loom chair. £195/€270 each; Emily linen tablecloth in salt, £77/€110; Croxton crockery from £6/€8; Corinium small jug, £8/€12; Corinium jug with handle, £10/€14.





Culinary Chic

Reflecting the trend for bringing the outdoors indoors, kitchens in 2016 make greater use of natural materials that can be found in nature or the urban environment.

Above: This kitchen from **Parkes Interiors** uses a rough sawn oak door front with a hand painted contrast. It works really well with industrial influences; copper handles, tiling inside the wall cupboards and seating. Overall, this is a functional space using traditional products. Price on request.

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Cool It

Your kitchen would be nothing without your trusty fridge freezer. Besides keeping produce fresh, it can really make a statement with all the styles on offer and it is easy to become overwhelmed by all the technology available. With that in mind, here is a selection of some of the latest for you to ponder.

Blackline **Bauknecht** refrigeration system. Price on request.



1 Gorenje Retro 60309 fridge freezer in coffee ambient. Price on request.
2 Functionality and style go hand-in-hand with this sleek stainless-steel **Zanussi**. Thanks to this freezer's Low Frost technology, less frequent defrosting is needed than with standard systems, helping make defrosting and cleaning quick and easy. £499. Euro price on request.

TOP TIP

When choosing your fridge freezer the first thing to consider is size. Not only do you need to consider the space you have available, but also what you actually need for your family and your lifestyle.



3 B40DSS **Baumatic** 570 Litre NoFrost fridge freezer. Price on request. **4** French door fridge freezer. The **Caple** CAFF30 model has frost-free technology, as well as defrost, super freeze and super cool functions. Price on request.

FRIDGE FREEZERS



1 Say hello to this **AEG** S74011CMX2 ProFresh fridge freezer. This stainless steel built-in ProFresh fridge freezer works around the clock, serving you perfectly chilled food and freezing on demand. Thanks to NoFrost – the best ice-free technology available – you can be sure of a high-performing freezer that never requires defrosting. Price on request.

2 As if plucked straight from the 50's, this **Smeg** NoFrost is retro and unique. Price on request.





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3 LGGSB325WBQV side-by-side refrigerator from **LG**. Price on request. **4** This striking Montana blue fridge freezer from **Britannia** is part of their Colourange and will certainly add interest into your kitchen. Price on request. **5** **CDA** fridge freezer in stainless steel effect, with in-door chilled water dispenser. Price on request.

FRIDGE FREEZERS



1 Wide opening French doors in the fridge section and easily accessible freezer drawers make the new DXD fridge freezer from **Rangemaster** a great choice for families. **2** This **Electrolux** low frost fridge freezer is ideal for homes that need flexible, large capacity storage. The glass shelves have been designed so you can use the full width and depth of the fridge's internal space, allowing you to fit more into your fridge. Price on request. **3** **Miele** Fridge Freezer KFN37542 with FlexiLight which can be placed individually on any shelf. €2,199. Sterling price on request.

4 Top Mount fridge freezer from **Belling**. Fridge capacity is 166 litres and freezer capacity 41 litres. Price on request. **5** Integrated fridge freezer from **Sub Zero**. Energy rated A+. Price on request.



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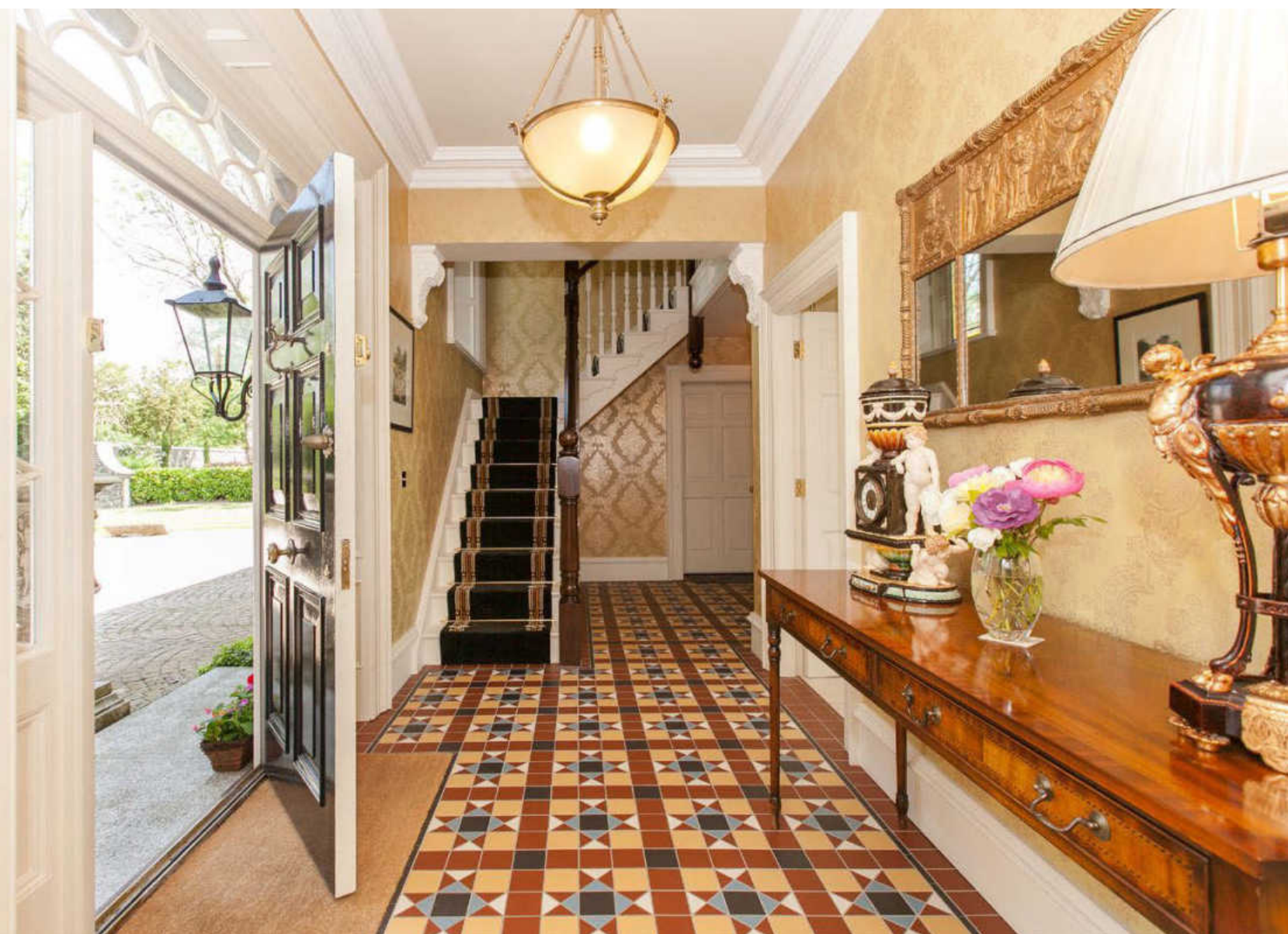
Larger Than Life

Set within 20 acres of beautiful countryside, Foxleigh Hall in Dromore is a family home which homeowners Bernie and Paul have lovingly decorated in a befittingly grand and Classical manner to complement the overall build design and to suitably fill the expansive interior.

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‘We were living in Comber but with our expanding business dictating a lot of travel to the south of Ireland, we felt it was time to find a more conveniently located home. After searching the property market for some time, we eventually came across this new build property in Dromore. We immediately fell for the house which was perched on the hills and benefitted from the scenic surroundings of the mature countryside. The house was still a shell, positioned on a two acre site but luckily we managed to negotiate the purchase of an additional eighteen acres surrounding the site which gave us maximum security

and privacy. Work then commenced on the interior and landscaping,’ explains Bernie. ‘We have always liked dramatic interiors that are a bit different and Foxeigh Hall presented us with an extensive blank canvas to experiment with. We knew the build design needed an elegant, classical interior that would be functional yet exploited the unique features of our home. Whilst we enjoy decorating ourselves, Foxleigh presented a mammoth task, so we paid a visit to Beaufort Interiors in nearby Moira and met with Ruth and her team. We immediately felt that they understood our vision and would interpret it in a befitting manner.’



Just off the kitchen the hexagonal room has a stunning French chandelier. This piece hangs from the ornately handpainted wallpaper covering the ceiling in this room.





Ruth Wilson of Beaufort Interiors was delighted to be appointed as designer for Foxleigh Hall. The design brief was to create a classical elegant interior that would flow throughout the home with emphasis on highlighting certain unique features of the property. Ruth and her team set to work, creating a design concept and appropriate colour schemes.

To achieve the 'wow' factor Ruth and her team at Beaufort used classical furniture ranges throughout, including Jonathan Charles, Christopher Guy and Artistic Furniture. To complement this, dramatic curtain designs filled each room with richness and luxury.





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Solid wood furniture has been extensively employed to promote the richness of the interior to Foxleigh Hall. The entrance hall boasts a hand-carved and hand-finished mirror above a co-ordinating console table, surrounded by gold, metallic wallcoverings.

‘Our previous home was a contemporary barn conversion which dictated a very minimal, modern interior so the furniture

there did not lend itself to our new home. Fortunately, we had a number of antique pieces from a former home that we had put in storage and Beaufort were able to work with these, incorporating them into various places throughout the house’ adds Bernie.

‘We opted for a classic, cream, handpainted Clive Christian kitchen which has beautiful gold leaf detailing. The droplets on the three gracious crystal chandeliers in here are actually pears and bunches of grapes which fit perfectly with the functionality of this room!’



There are a number of striking light fittings in Foxleigh, for example just off the kitchen, the hexagonal room has a stunning French chandelier. This piece hangs from the ornately handpainted wallpaper covering the ceiling in this room. Beaufort designed this bespoke silk wall covering to create a classical and timeless interior art form for this unique room. The shape of the room is further echoed in the large custom designed compass incorporated into the centre of the solid wood floor in this room.

As well as this bespoke wallcovering for the ceiling in the hexagonal room, Beaufort designed and manufactured bespoke curtains in here and throughout Foxleigh Hall.

Having their own team of crafts people in house allowed for control over what design they could implement when dressing the windows of each room. Even the shaped swags and tails have all been designed specifically for the project - the Beaufort workrooms do not use standard templates therefore everything they produce is proportioned perfectly for each individual window.

The black and white floor tiles used for the entrance add to the elegance of this interior and help to introduce the classic style used throughout. The floors, as with all of the interiors, have been carefully considered and designed to suit Foxleigh including a bespoke handmade woven stair carpet supplied by Beaufort Interiors.



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The high ceiling in the entrance hall immediately draws your eyes upwards to the impressive crossed-poles window dressing design adorning the large stained glass window on the main staircase which is a particularly noteworthy feature of the property, bringing a historic element to the entrance of the home as well as a welcoming 'wow' factor.

Upstairs there are six bedrooms, four of which have ensuites. All the décor in the bedrooms flows with the rest of the house, with classical, traditional furnishings used throughout.

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Moving back downstairs, if not found in the open-plan kitchen living area, the family could be found in the main lounge.

‘This is such a large, comfortable room and the placing of the three large sofas around one of the antique marble fireplaces encourages everyone to contribute to the conversation. As a family we could be found in here most weekends with the open fire lit on colder days. The whole house benefits from lots of natural light but particularly so in this room which affords fantastic views of the surrounding countryside. Luckily, Foxleigh is so private, we never had to draw the curtains in this room, preferring to look out of the windows at the extensive landscaped gardens and exterior lighting system.

Foxleigh is certainly a striking family home, which Bernie and Paul have sympathetically and lovingly decorated over the years. 🏠

Create the look

FROM THE DROMORE HOME

Beaufort Interiors have created a classical, elegant interior for the homeowners of Foxleigh Hall.



Victorian mahogany two drawer table from **The Old Cinema**. Price on request. theoldcinema.co.uk



Besselink & Jones handpainted tea caddy lamp. Price on request. Phone 0207 3514669. besselink.com



Lansdowne sofa from **Darlings of Chelsea**. £2,230. Phone 0207 3715745. darlingsofchelsea.co.uk

The Versailles chandelier from **The French Bedroom Company**. Drop 80cm x diameter 60cm with an additional 110cm adjustable chain. £799. Phone 08456 448022. frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk



Antique Rococo Louis XV style gilt bronze clock from **Antiques for Everyone**. £2,450. antiquesforeveryone.co.uk



Lotherton is a magnificent bevelled glass mirror with lavish Baroque design from **The Chandelier & Mirror Company Ltd**. £325. Phone 01892 541355. chandeliersandmirrors.co.uk

Laura Ashley Baroque traditional cotton and wool rug. From £220. lauraashley.com





A New Lease of Life

This renovated stable is now a lovingly restored Dublin city centre home for Simon, Jo and their daughter Freja.

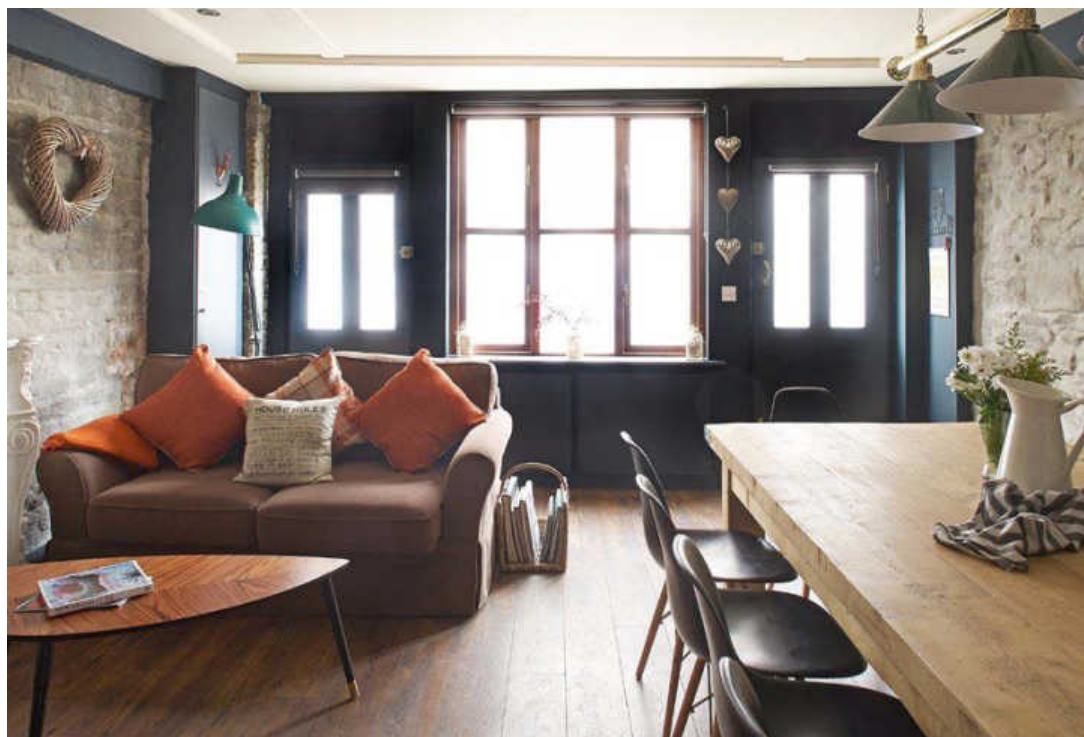
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Five minutes from Grafton Street, this former stable in a back lane quickly caught the eye of serial renovator Simon. 'Although the upstairs had long been in residential use, the ground floor had various incarnations as a workshop, gallery and lately, café, and I loved that quirky urban mix of industrial and living space,' he says. 'I also liked the idea of city living after

years in suburban Dublin, and you couldn't get more city-centre than this.'

The sole survivor of past glories in a narrow lane that has been completely redeveloped, the building was semi-derelict as it had been empty for some time. The interior was in poor condition and the outside covered in graffiti. It was a daunting task to undertake a complete renovation,



but this is Simon's third building project and he was ready to tackle a major undertaking.

'I love interior design and really looked forward to taking on a rundown property and applying TLC to make it really something special. My background working in the family hospitality business has given me a lasting interest in creating interiors and living spaces that are not just quirky and interesting, but

comfortable and wholly inviting,' he says. 'I like browsing sites like onefinestay.com for ideas, both for hospitality ideas and for home renovation, too.'

To start with, the building had to be stripped back to the bones. It was gutted, all extraneous material was removed and the internal plaster taken back to the fine stonework underneath.



'I really did want to retain the character of the building, and I love open-plan living, so I decided to keep the downstairs former commercial/industrial space as an open area with a sitting, dining and a small working kitchen. We still use the whole space as a gallery on occasion (it works really well for openings) so the kitchen is unobtrusive, but has everything we need. One of the great things about city living is the wide-ranging options for eating out!'

Rather than going for a fully-fitted kitchen, Simon

had the kitchen made to fit the space and added free-standing and hidden wall storage with a huge scaffolding-plank dining table doubling as a prep surface. 'I was going for a laid-back, casual loft-living look, rather than sleek and fitted,' he says. A visit to a city centre bar inspired his industrial-look copper piping and bulbs light fitting. 'I am always looking at interiors ideas and trends, I bring my ideas to interior designer Jenny Coughlan at Naught*9 Design, and she turns them into reality.'



'I wanted to stick to what I saw as an industrial palette of dark and light greys with bleached timber, and add in surprising touches of strong colour,' he says. 'I like the way that odd, quirky pieces stand out against a dark grey background, and I love to collect quirky bits and pieces of furniture and fittings. The stag's head theme came about because of the building being an old stable, I liked the idea of an animal motif, and it was fun to collect.'

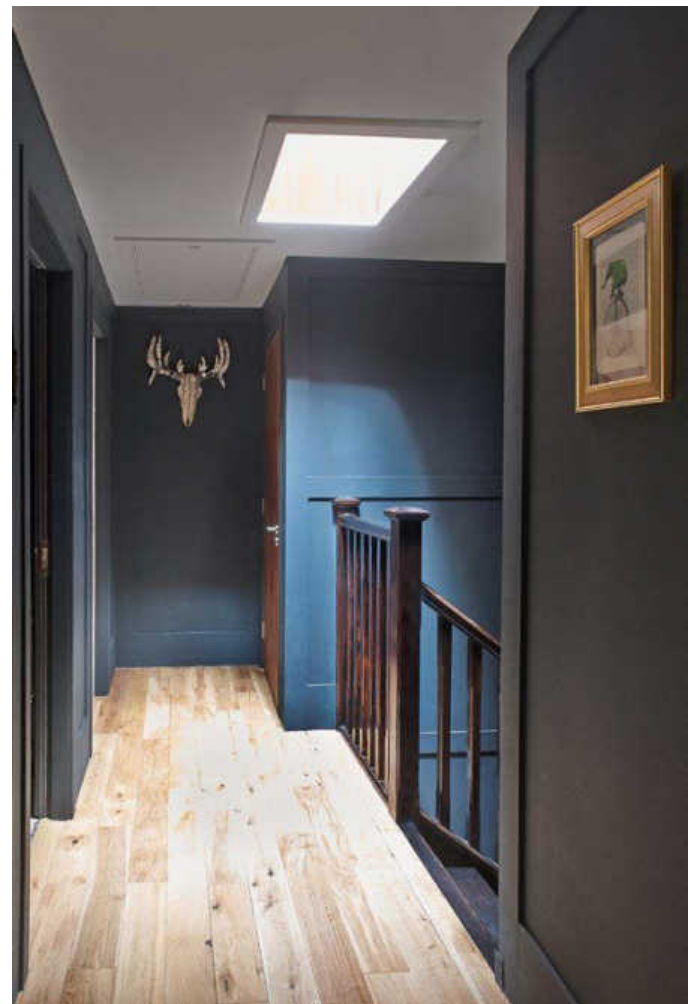
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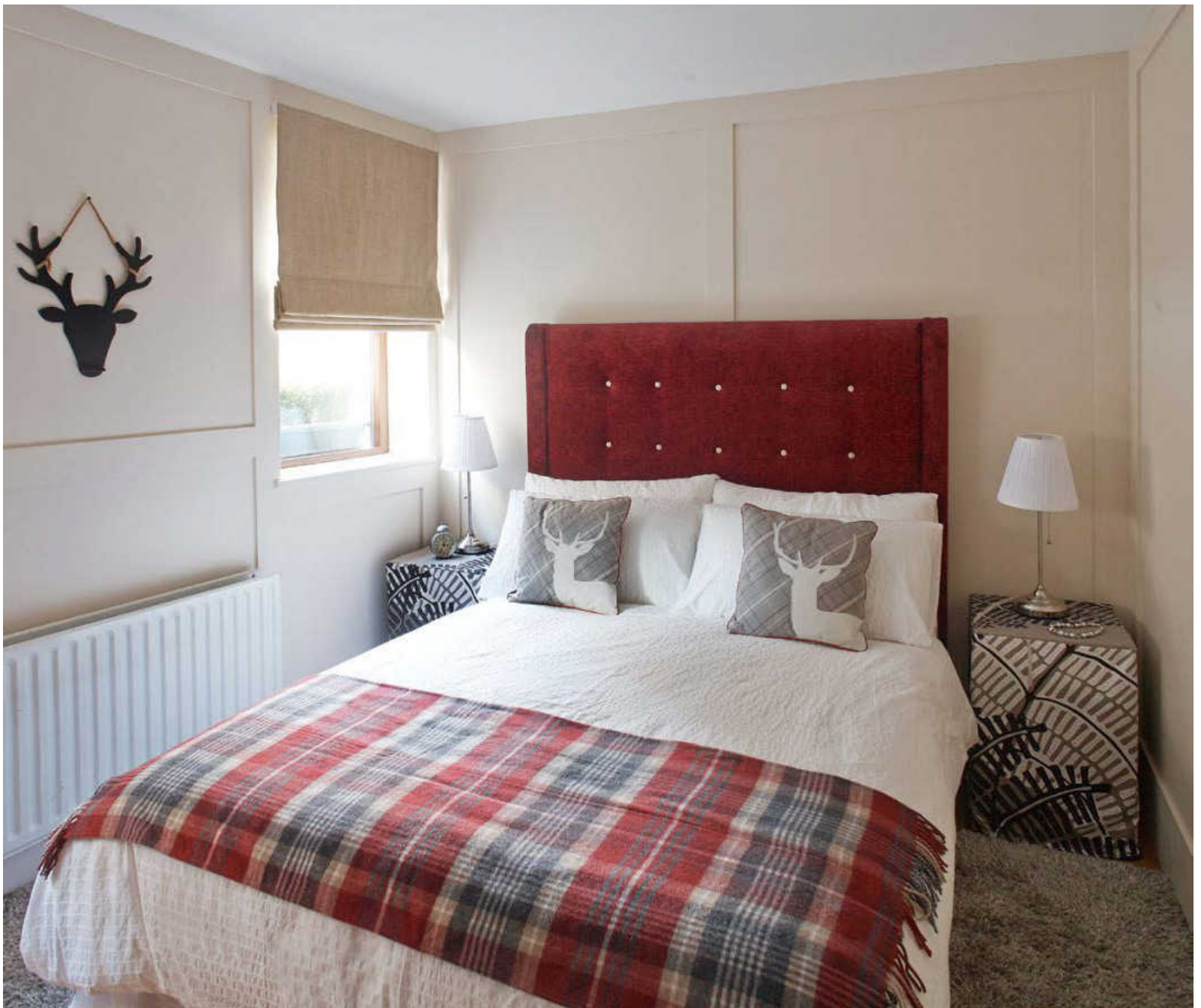
the family spend most of their time, Simon opted to keep the bedrooms very simple. Tucked away in this small urban anachronism, they were never going to be huge and spacious, but they are comfortable and cosy. 'It was easier to make the beds to fit the spaces, but I did insist on good quality, comfortable Respa mattresses', says Simon. 'I couldn't find bedside tables that I liked, so I had the carpenter make up simple shapes in MDF, and a seamstress made fabric covers for them.'



‘One of my favourite things about the house is Freja’s bedroom, tucked away up a tiny staircase in the attic, it’s a brilliant space for Freja, it’s magical. I love the feel of the master bedroom too, with little winding staircase.’

‘I really like living in the city, and this city centre area is so quiet after 6pm and at the weekends,’ says Simon. ‘We love being the only house on the street, and being able to walk to everything in a few minutes.’





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‘I really enjoyed working on this renovation, it’s a one-off, a building with extraordinary character. I do want to finish a few things; I want to replace the floor finish in the open-plan area, it should have been an old reconditioned floor, one from an old mill perhaps, but I ran out of time and money. We needed to move into the house and I had to put a floor down, but I’m hankering after the right one still. But that’s for the future, in the meanwhile we love our home and we love being here.’ 🏠



Create the look

FROM THE DUBLIN HOME

Simon and Jo have added a cool urban vibe to this restored city centre stable.



Black Eames style dining chair from **Danetti**. £49. Phone 0203 5881380. danetti.com

Orange Check Cushion from **Harvey Norman**. €22.95. harveynorman.ie/harvey-norman.co.uk



LÖVBACKEN side table from **IKEA**. £40/€45. Phone Belfast 0845 3551113 and Dublin 1890 987 938. ikea.co.uk/ikea.ie



Hanging twine wrapped heart from **B&Q**. £8. diy.com

Antiqued stag head from **The French Bedroom Company**. £80. Phone 08456 448022. frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk



Stag head large scatter cushion from **Made.com**. 50x50cm. £40. Phone 0845 5576888. made.com



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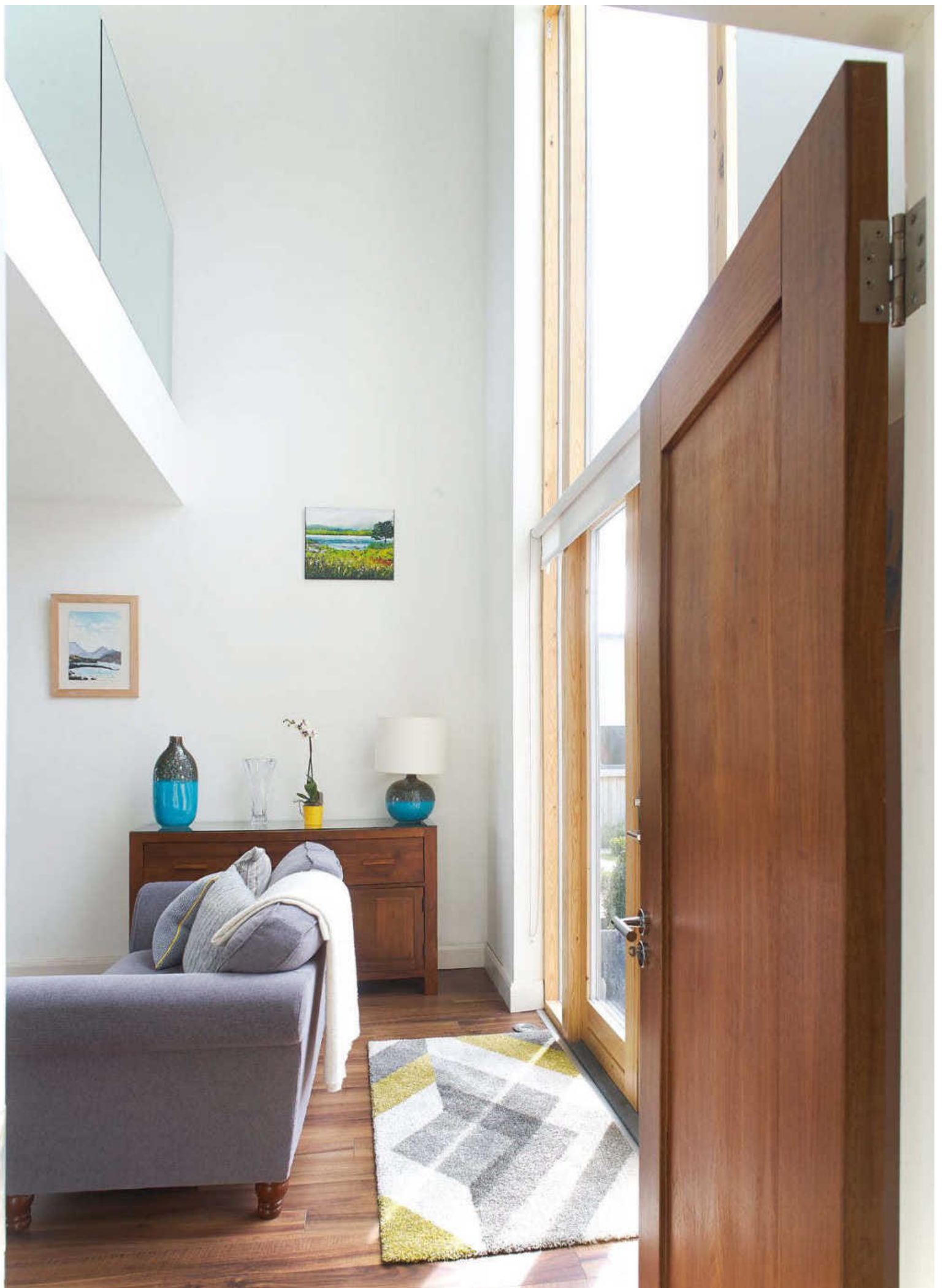


Room to Grow

With two small children, Liz and Padraig were finding their 1970s house in Drogheda a little cramped. They needed more space and when Liz's parents offered them a site for building a new house in Louth, it sounded like the perfect solution.

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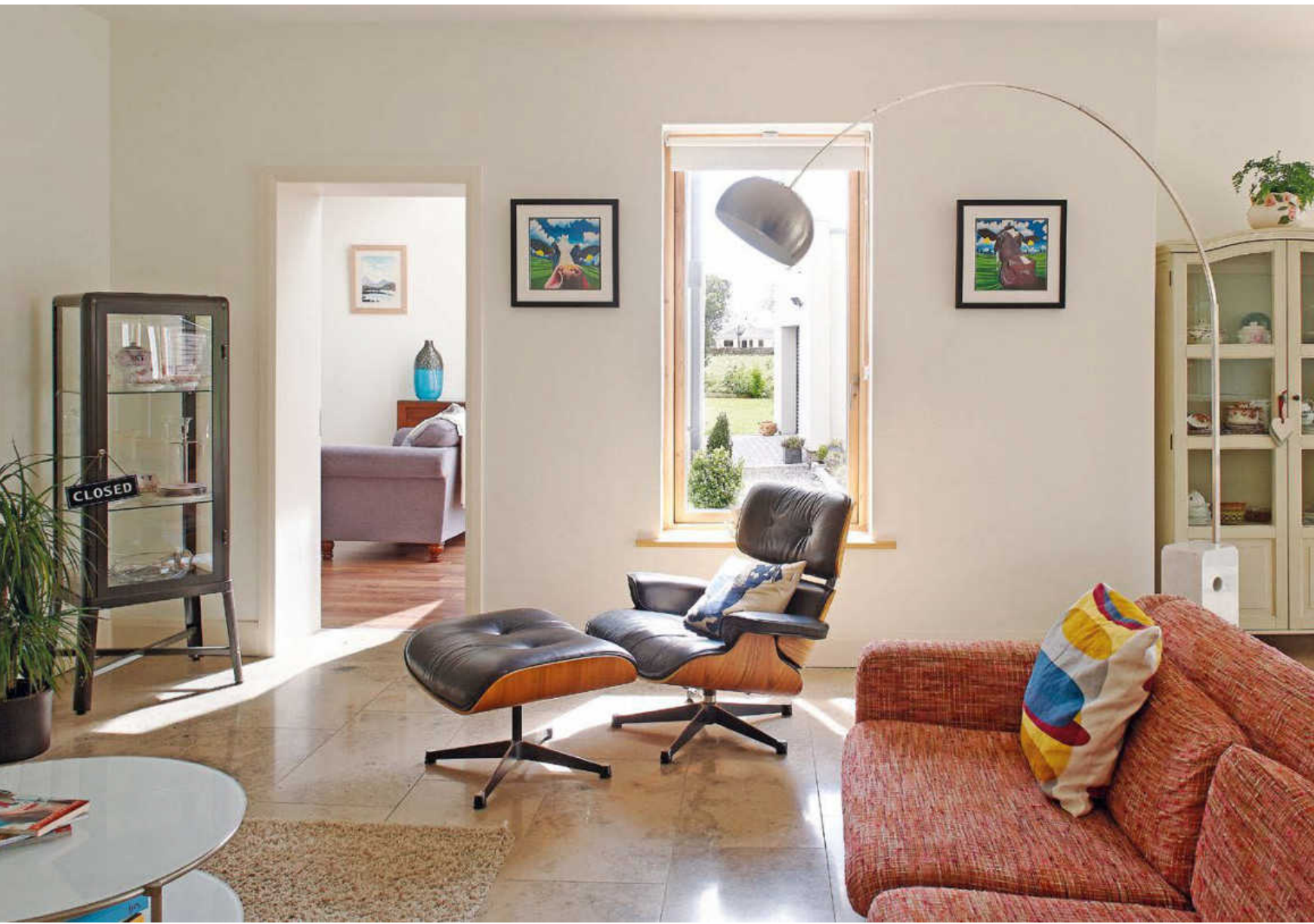




Both Liz and Padraig are from farming backgrounds and Padraig in particular relished the idea of a move back to the open countryside. Liz was a little sorry to leave a good neighbourhood and her lovely neighbours, but loved the idea of building their own home.

Their architect, Kieran Lally, helped to select the best site for building and the couple gave him a brief for the design of

their new home. 'The site is beautiful, in rolling countryside and we wanted to take full advantage of that by building a house that looked outwards, with glazing to frame the views and rooms following the path of the sun, so that the whole house is filled with light,' explains Liz. 'Our bedroom faces east for the morning light, the open-plan family area has south and west light and the sitting room east, west and south light.'



The couple wanted a large, open-plan family area on the ground floor to encompass living/kitchen/dining, and a smaller, separate quarters with living room, bedroom with ensuite for guests or, longer term, parents or teenagers. Kieran came up with the proposal of the double-height sitting room with a mezzanine library area, an idea which the couple loved.

‘We had saved quite a lot towards the build and we allocated our budget

carefully,’ says Liz. ‘Then once the bones of the house were there, I also started to put together the elements of the décor, bit by bit, so that they would be ready when the build was finished. For instance, I had the windows measured roughly for the curtains, agreed the fabric and price, and then paid them off a little at a time so that all that was left to do was for the final measurements to be taken; the curtains were already paid for when it was time for them to go in.’



‘It’s impossible to do too much research! Once the build starts, things happen very quickly. I never imagined for a minute or thought about how I wanted the windows to open! Sometimes these decisions are needed much earlier than you expect.’





The kitchen was a very important part of the house for Liz, a catering manager by profession, who loves to cook and entertain. 'Because I have a catering background, I prefer a very clean-cut kitchen to work in, with good storage and absolutely no clutter', says Liz. 'I also knew that I wanted the units in a strong grey colour, I love both the colour and the way that other colours will pop against it.' Robert Mooney Custom Built Furniture was a fortunate recommendation for Liz, she found the company first-class with very high standards.









‘Robert was great to work with, full of interesting ideas and completely committed to the project. We worked the whole thing out together, and I really am so happy with the result,’ says Liz. ‘I love that it’s low-key, not too ‘kitcheny’, and the splashback/ storage wall was an inspired idea, it’s perfect for whisking everything out of sight, but keeping it all close to hand.’





The stairs was another element of the build that worked out particularly well, starting out with a picture that Liz spotted in a magazine. 'I really liked the openness and sculptural look of the staircase in the photograph, and showed it to the architect.

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He designed a similar one and the steelwork and glass was made up by an engineering company, with a local company that makes timber staircases supplying the treads and bannister. The two companies worked really well together and I think the result is stunning,' says Liz.



‘Now that our home is finished, the thing I love most about it is the fantastic sense of space,’ adds Liz. ‘Even on a rainy day, the children have plenty of space to run about and play, and we find that instead of planning trips to get out at the weekend, we prefer to stay home. This is a very lived-in house, not at all precious, but warm and welcoming. We are looking forward to enjoying it, and seeing the children grow, and how the house changes around us as we grow into it.’ 🏠

Create the look

FROM THE LOUTH HOME

Liz and Padraig have stylishly decorated their home with distinctive furnishings to suit the needs of their growing family.



Alessi Juicy Salif citrus squeezer. £49/€60. alessi.com



Reproduction Tolix Chair inspired by Xavier Pauchard from **Pash Living**. £79. Phone 01509 767374. pash-living.co.uk



French Bulldog cushion from **Artylicious Home & Gifts**. 17x17". £22. Phone 01247 421410. artylicious.co.uk



Charles Eames Style Chrome DKR Wire Chair from **Cult Furniture**. £79. Phone 0208 1856960. cultfurniture.com



Orla Kiely navy and cream Giant Stem throw. £135. orkiely.com



IKEA PS red cabinet. £70. Phone Belfast 0845 3551113 and Dublin 1890 987 938. ikea.co.uk/ikea.ie

Flos Arco Floor Lamp from **Design 55 Interiors**. £1,565. design55online.co.uk

New England Charm

Kate and Daniel have lived in their family home in Cork for years before recently having a complete renovation and extension to the dwelling, with Ronan from Newcastle Design stepping in to create their dream open-plan, bespoke kitchen, perfect for their social lifestyle.









‘**N**ewcastle Design were recommended to us by our expansion project architects, DMVF Architects,’ says Kate. ‘When we met Ronan and explained our needs, it became very clear that Newcastle Design were the ones for us.’

Kate explains, ‘With our previous kitchen being dark and small compared to the rest of the house, we wanted the room to be as bright and airy as possible with lots of natural light. We were hoping for a lovely fresh, modern look and that is exactly what we got with this New England styled finish in pale grey tones. Ronan came up with this truly bespoke design, which was created to suit our every need.’

Colm Doyle of DMVF Architects designed a beautiful vaulted extension, and reconfigured the entire ground floor to achieve an open-plan space for the new kitchen, including the insertion of a large bay window in the living area. Ronan got involved with the project quite early on, so himself and Colm worked together to use the new space to its full potential– the wedge-shaped site, pushing back the cabinetry into the wall to allow as much floor space as possible. The kitchen is full of clever storage solutions and lots of other practical features. ‘Ronan got it just right with the kitchen furniture and had great ideas for storage and other features which contribute to the overall look. The island has become the hub of the whole room, everyone naturally gravitates around it, and the window seat is a lovely casual area where we can relax while making the most of the large windows that allow so much natural light to flood the room,’ explains Kate. ‘Ronan also created a panelled wall with concealed storage that extends into the hall, which connects the two spaces and helps to continue the scheme,’ she adds.



The flooring in the kitchen is another well thought out design aspect. ‘We got our flooring from Mulveys of Dundrum. It works so well with our colour scheme and Mulveys were also excellent to deal with; together with Newcastle Design and DMVF architects, we have had such a hassle free experience,’ says Kate. ‘We were so happy with Newcastle Design that we also commissioned Ronan to design our utility room, walk-in wardrobes, bathroom and office furniture.’

‘The whole project just fell into place seamlessly. Colm had worked with Ronan before, and I am so glad that he put us in touch with him, he was absolutely fantastic to work with from start to finish and we couldn’t be happier with how it all turned out,’ explains Kate. ‘Our favourite parts of the new kitchen are the bay window with window seat along with the ceiling lantern, which allows lots of natural light in, and of course our island!’ ✕

Kitchen Contacts

KITCHEN DESIGN

Newcastle Design

Rathnew 040 465000

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Worktops: Silestone by Miller Brothers Stone. ‘Lagoon’ with a suede effect finish.

APPLIANCES

Oven: Miele

Hob: Miele

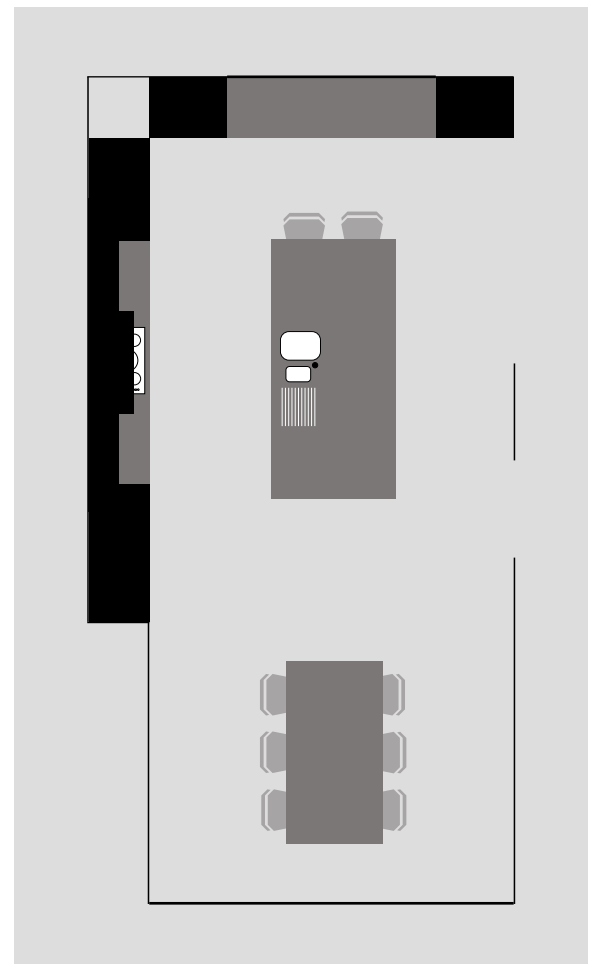
Warming drawer: Miele

Extractor: Miele

Integrated dishwasher: Miele

Sink and tap: Franke

Fridge freezer: Miele

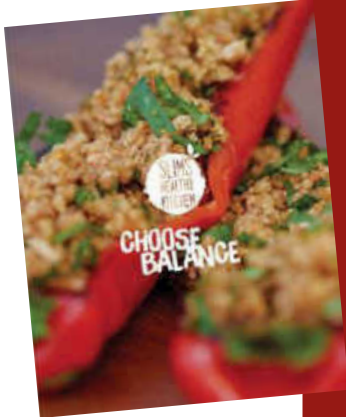


food for Thought

Mouthwatering Mother's Day ideas as well as lots of other delicious seasonal eats and treats.

Who's Cooking?

At Slim's Healthy Kitchen the aim is to bring a fresh approach to food, by simply making healthier food more accessible and more exciting. Their new cookbook is divided into sections for breakfast, light bites, mains, soups, salads and sauces, sweet treats and little big people – perfect for getting the little ones eating healthy from a young age! It costs £19.99 and is available from Slim's Healthy Kitchen and online at slimskitchen.com or amazon.co.uk



Newsflash!

The Restaurants Association of Ireland is pleased to announce the 8th annual Irish Restaurant Awards.

The awards help showcase the true talent that Ireland's hospitality industry has to offer by acknowledging outstanding performers in the sector. Anthony Gray, President of the Restaurants Association said, 'Restaurateurs should be proud of their work and continue to enjoy their hard earned achievements.' The Irish Restaurant Awards 2016 take place on Monday 16th May 2016 in the DoubleTree by Hilton Dublin. irishrestaurantawards.com.



CHEF'S FAVOURITE

'As one of the first spring vegetables just starting to sprout on our farm plot, turnip greens are picked young for their heightened peppery flavour and served raw with our Strangford Lough scallops along with pickled baby turnip, scallop roe cracker, local apple and a peppered foam.'

Joery Castel, The Boat House, Bangor



time to dine...

A few places to spoil mum with Afternoon Tea on Mother's Day...

- 1 G Hotel - Old Dublin Road, Galway
- 2 Hayfield Manor - Perrott Avenue, Cork
- 3 Saphyre - Lisburn Road, Belfast
- 4 The Shelbourne - St. Stephen's Green, Dublin



Guinness Black Velvet

As we look forward to St. Patrick's Day why not raise a glass with a Guinness Black Velvet cocktail.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 Flute Champagne
- 1/2 Flute Guinness Extra Stout

METHOD

Pour the Guinness Extra Stout into a clean/polished champagne flute. Top up the glass with the champagne, being careful to ensure there is no overspill. The Guinness Black Velvet should have a good dark colour with a frothy head, resembling a Pint of Guinness.

SERVE

Straight up; without ice.

A few eggcellent Easter treats...

Lindt
Hello
Strawberry
Cheesecake
Egg. £10.29.



Prestat London Gin
Truffle Easter Egg
from **Liberty**. £16.



Hotel
Chocolat
Rabot. £29.

The Rankin Selection



Due to make a return to our TV screens in March we caught up with talented chef Paul Rankin as he shares a few of his recipes for you to try at home.



Paul and Nick's Big American Food Trip

Dynamic chef duo Paul Rankin and Nick Nairn are set to return to TV screens this March with a brand new series of *Paul and Nick's Big American Food Trip*. The eight part series will launch on **Friday 4th March at 8pm on UTV** with the chefs, who have been close friends for the past 20 years, embarking on a culinary journey to follow in the trail of the first Ulster-Scots who travelled and settled in the 'New World'. This is the fourth series featuring the chefs and the second time they have taken in the American trail on their travels. This time around they visit Virginia, North and South Carolina, East Tennessee and Washington D.C.

All recipes featured in the new series will be available at www.u.tv after each programme enabling viewers to recreate the Ulster-Scot inspired foods at home.

Super Salad Bruschetta

INGREDIENTS

20 ripe tomatoes
500g mixed cherry tomatoes (red, yellow, orange)
2 red onions
300g feta
1 bunch basil
3 tbsp tarragon vinegar
4 tbsp olive oil
1 large sour dough loaf
2 garlic cloves
Salt and pepper

METHOD

1 Peel and finely slice the red onions as thin as possible. Slice the tomatoes into rounds, crumble

the feta and pick the basil. Then begin to layer your serving dish with the tomatoes, red onion, feta and basil alternatively seasoning as you go. Drizzle a nice amount of olive oil over the top and repeat the layer process until all the tomatoes have been used.

2 Then half the mixed cherry tomatoes and place onto of the salad. Finally seasoning with salt, pepper and the tarragon vinegar. Set to one side to marinate whilst making the bruschetta.

Bruschetta

Heat a griddle pan to a high heat. Slice the sour dough loaf 1cm thick then peel the garlic and slice in half. Rub the garlic half's over the bread and drizzle with olive oil. Then place on the griddle pan to toast both sides. Once toasted serve with the salad.

Cod on a Potato & Leek Risotto with Buttered Greens

Cod Loin

Ingredients

1 cod loin
1 tbsp Old Bay seasoning or fish seasoning
50g salt
50g caster sugar
25g butter
1 lemon

Garnish

Crispy pancetta

Set oven 170°C

Method

1 Place the cod loin on the board and portion into equal sized portions and set aside on a tray. With the excess cod trimmings dice and set aside in the fridge, this will be used to finish the risotto. Mix together the salt, sugar and the old bay seasoning and sprinkle over the cod portions, making sure that the cod is well covered in the mix. Cover the salted cod with cling film and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to firm up. Once the cod has firmed up remove from the fridge and carefully wash under cold water to remove the excess salt mixture, pat dry ready for pan frying.

2 Heat a large frying pan to a medium heat, add olive oil and place the cod skin side down into the pan. If you see the cod curl up slightly carefully push down on the portions with a fish slice so that the skin stays flat to the pan. Once the cod starts to cook you should see the fish turning opaque on the sides, this is a good indication that the fish will need to be turned over so that the fish cooks

evenly throughout. Once the fish is turned place the pan in the oven for 3 minutes to finish cooking the fish. Once cooked remove the pan from the oven and finish with butter and serve.

Potato & Leek Risotto

Ingredients

2 large Rooster or Maris Piper potatoes
300g Yukon gold potatoes or any other good waxy potato
1 leek
1 garlic clove crushed
50g grated parmesan
Chives
25g butter
250ml clam stock or fish or chicken stock
25ml double cream
Olive oil
Diced cod (trimmings from above)

Method

1 Peel and finely dice the Roosters/Maris Piper potatoes. Mandolin the small waxy Yukon gold potatoes then dice into the same size as the Roosters/Marie Pipers. Cut the leek into quarters, rinse under cold water then trim the green top and reserve. Finely dice both parts of the leek but keep separate.

2 Heat a large sauté pan to a medium heat, add olive oil and butter then add the white part of the leek and crushed garlic. Sauté for a few minutes then add the potatoes and a ladle of the clam stock, continue adding the stock until the potatoes are tender but not breaking up. Once the potatoes are cooked add the green part of the leek along with the dice cod and cream then finish with Parmesan and chopped chives. Serve.



Pork with Black Pudding Croquets & Pea Purée

INGREDIENTS

2kg pork belly
1kg pork tenderloin
50g salt
50g sugar
3 star anise
2 tbsp chilli flakes
2 tbsp cumin seeds
2 tbsp coriander seeds
3 bay leaf
1 celery stick roughly chopped
1 carrot roughly chopped
1 onion roughly chopped
3 garlic cloves crushed
1 bottle of cider
300g peas
150ml chicken stock
50g unsalted butter
1 tbsp sugar
250ml brown chicken stock
300g black pudding
100g plain flour
100g panko breadcrumbs
1 egg beaten



3 tbsp broad beans podded
 1 tbsp unsalted butter
 2 large Maris Piper potatoes
 50ml double cream
 50g unsalted butter
 2 spring onions finely chopped
 Pea shoots
 Salt and pepper

METHOD

1 Firstly start with the pork belly by curing for 24 hours to extract the moisture. Mixed together the salt, sugar, spices and bay, then rub into the pork to begin the process.

2 Place in a fridge and leave overnight.

3 Once cured wash the pork belly thoroughly to remove all the salt and spice mix, pat dry ready for braising.

4 To begin the braising process, add the roughly chopped celery, onion, carrot and garlic to a deep roasting dish and place the pork belly on top. Add the cider and cover with cold water. Place the roasting dish on the stove and begin to cook. Once the pork belly has come up to the simmer, cover with tin foil and place into the oven at 200°C for 15 minutes, then turn down to 150°C for 2.5 hours.

5 To make the pea purée, Blanch the peas in salted boiling water until tender, then strain and add to a blender. Heat the chicken stock and gradually add this to the blender until you have a purée consistency. Add the butter and season with salt and pepper.

6 For the pork tenderloins begin to remove any excess fat and sinew from around the loin. Once removed tie the ends with string so they retain shape whilst cooking and cook evenly. Season with pepper and sugar but not salt and set aside ready for cooking.

7 Once the pork belly is cooked, remove from the oven dish and set aside to rest. Strain off the remaining cooking liquor from the dish and add brown chicken stock, reduce down until sauce consistency.

8 To make the black pudding croquettes, run a knife along the side of the pudding to remove the outer skin. Cut the black pudding in half then into even sized chunks and roll into round balls. In three separate bowls add flour, beaten egg and breadcrumbs, and begin to pane the rounded black pudding ready for deep-frying.

9 To make the champ mash, peel and roughly chop the potatoes. Place the potatoes in a pan

and cover with water. Boil the potatoes until thoroughly cooked ready for mashing. Once cooked, mash the potatoes and add the cream and butter. Mix well and season, and then add the chopped spring onions to finish.

10 Before serving, heat a medium frying pan and add butter, when the butter is bubbling add the pork tenderloin. Once coloured on one side, turn over and place into the oven for 8 minutes at 160°C. Once cooked remove from the pan to rest, add the reduced cooking liquor to the pan and reduce to make the finished sauce.

11 For the croquettes, heat a deep fat fryer to 170°C and deep fry until golden and cooked through.

12 To cook the broad beans, heat a small pan and add the butter, once melted add the broad beans and cook until nicely glazed ready for serving.

13 Now take the pork belly and cut into 150g portions, heat a medium frying pan and seal off the edges of the belly until caramelised.

14 To serve smear the pea purée on the plate, place the pork belly off centre with two croquettes either side. Slice the pork tender loin and place on opposite side to the pork belly. Drizzle the sauce over the belly and finish with buttered broad beans and pea shoots.



Potter's Puff with Cider Sabayon

Rough Puff Pastry

Ingredients

250g plain flour
250g very cold diced butter
125ml ice cold water
1 tsp salt
Egg wash for baking

METHOD

1 For the rough puff pastry, place the flour in a mound onto a clean work surface and make a deep well in the centre using your fingers.

2 Place the butter cubes and salt into the well and, using the fingertips of one hand, work the ingredients together, gradually drawing more flour into the well with the other hand and working that in until the mixture is loosely but well combined and still with lumps of butter visible.

3 Gradually add the iced water and mix until incorporated in the mixture. (You may not need all of the water. Do not to overwork the mixture.)

4 Roll the dough into a ball, wrap it in cling film and chill it for 20 minutes.

5 When the dough has chilled, roll it out onto a lightly floured work surface into a 40cm x 20cm rectangle. Fold the rectangle into three and give it a quarter turn. Repeat the process, giving the folded pastry another quarter turn.

6 Wrap the pastry in cling film and chill for a further 30 minutes.

7 When the dough has chilled, roll it out, as before, onto a lightly floured work surface into a 40cm x 20cm rectangle. Fold the rectangle into three and give it a quarter turn. Repeat the process, as before, giving the folded pastry another quarter turn (making a total of four turns).

8 Wrap the pastry in cling film and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

9 Preheat the oven to 180°C.

10 Roll the rough puff pastry out onto a lightly floured surface to a 1cm thickness. Cut out 8cm x 8cm squares and transfer each of the pastry squares using a palette knife onto a lined baking sheet with baking parchment, then chill the pastry in the fridge for 20 minutes. Remove from the fridge and brush each square with egg wash and bake for 25 minutes until golden in colour.

Macerated Berries

Ingredients

100g raspberries
100g strawberries
75g blackberries
75g blueberries
250ml cider
100g caster sugar
1 tsp black pepper
12 mint leaves
6 basil leaves
1 vanilla pod
1 lime zest

Method

1 To make the macerating syrup, place the cider and sugar in a large bowl and mix together until the sugar is well dissolved. Add the pepper, lime zest and continue to stir. Next add the basil, mint and the inside of the vanilla pod and set aside.

2 For the berries, remove the stalk from the strawberries and cut in half, place the halved strawberries along with all the other berries into the syrup to begin macerating. Leave the berries for 30 minutes or until ready to serve.

Sabayon

Ingredients

3 egg yolks
80ml cider
1 lime zest
1 tbsp caster sugar

Method

1 Place a glass bowl over a saucepan of barely simmering water. Add the egg yolks and sugar and whisk continuously, until pale and light.

2 Add the cider and continue whisking until pale and fluffy. The foam must be sufficiently thickened so that it won't break down when it cools. Remove from the heat and add the lime zest, stir in and cool until tepid.

3 To serve, place a square of pastry in the centre of a plate, drain the macerated berries and spoon over the top of the pastry. Next spoon over the tepid sabayon and place another pastry square on top, dust with icing and serve. ✕



treat yourself...

This month:

No.1 Pery Square

In Brief

A luxurious boutique hotel, full of style and personality, at the heart of Georgian Limerick.

About

Overlooking the handsome, tree-lined Peoples Park in Limerick's historic Georgian Quarter, No.1 Pery Square is a luxurious and intimate boutique town house. As a Grade 1 listed building, listed on the inside as well as the outside, No. 1 was fully restored in a labour of love by owner, Patricia Roberts who bought the building in 2006. The house comprises of 20 bedrooms all individually named and styled. Delicious food and drink can be enjoyed in either Sash restaurant or the Park Room Lounge, which offers an excellent selection of cocktails, including a special gin and tonic menu! No. 1 also houses an organic VOYA spa tucked away in the basement vaults. There is lots of personality and style throughout this boutique hotel.

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for the Ladies

In the run up to Easter - and with St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day along the way - here are a few indulgences for the month of March.

Wish list...

Some new season styles and beauty essentials...

VOYA Invigorating Seaweed Soap. €13 for 150g. voya.ie

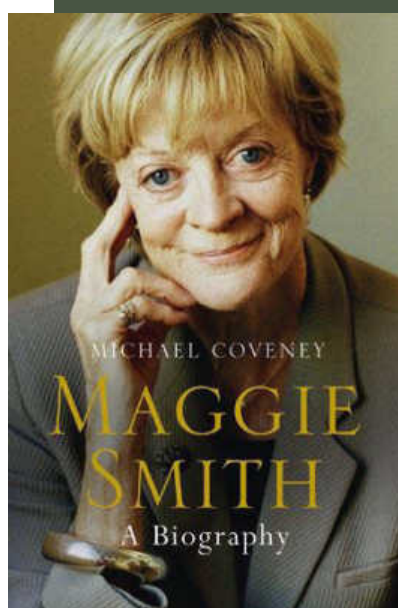


Jérôme Dreyfuss Igor festival shoulder bag in black (also available in cream) from Costume, Dublin. €660. costumedublin.ie

Autograph sleeveless trench coat from M&S. £299. marksandspencer.com



Clarins Instant Light Lip Comfort Oil in 02 Raspberry. £19. clarins.co.uk



CULTURE CLUB

No one does glamour, severity, girlish charm or tight-lipped witticism better than Dame Maggie Smith, one of Britain's best-loved actors. This new biography shines the stage-lights on the life and work of a truly remarkable performer, one whose career spans six decades. Michael Coveney's absorbing biography, drawing on personal archives, interviews and encounters with the actress, as well as conversations with immediate family and dear friends, is therefore as close as it gets to seeing the real Maggie Smith.



ST PATRICK'S FESTIVAL, DUBLIN.

Destination Ireland:

St Patrick's Day

Paying homage to the patron saint of Ireland, St Patrick's Day on March 17th is celebrated the world over as a religious and cultural holiday. The day itself is renowned for being a day of fun for the whole family, filled with green, parades, activities and topped off with a pint of Guinness or two!



St. Patrick's Festival, Dublin

This colourful and lively festival takes place every year in Dublin. This year the theme will be brought to life by Ireland's leading pageant companies, showing their fantastical creations and thrilling performances, inspired by the future. There will also be bands from USA, France and Ireland, and each will deliver uplifting scores and inspiring rhythms. The famous St. Patrick's parade takes place in the City Centre, starting at Parnell Square. The festival ranks amongst all of the greatest celebrations in the world and allows the Irish to stand proud over its reflection of Irish talent and achievements. It is the perfect event for all the family to enjoy. Don't forget to make a point of admiring the River Liffey, as they turn it green to mark the occasion. The festival is on from 17th to 20th March.

The Guinness Storehouse

When anyone thinks of the Irish they often think of Guinness not long after, so it is no surprise that there is a strong association with enjoying Guinness on the patron saint's special day. Every year the Guinness Storehouse invites visitors to join in with the Irish entertainment. You can experience an array of amazing music, from traditional, rock and samba, while enjoying the fantastic Ceili dancers. You can join in with the fun by getting your face painted and you can even learn to pour the perfect pint of the black stuff at the Guinness Academy! There will be plenty of food on offer from the gastro-Guinness food tastings, and all of this comes with unrivaled views across Dublin's fair city from the Gravity Bar.



Down Cathedral and Visitor Centre

This stunning cathedral situated in the heart of Downpatrick is thought to contain the burial site of Saint Patrick himself. It is thought that he was laid to rest on Cathedral Hill, along with Saint Bridget and Saint Coloman, with the cathedral being built later on this spot. His grave is a place of pilgrimage on St. Patrick's Day, with visitors

coming from all over to pay their respects at his last resting place. The Saint Patrick Visitor Centre is a modern complex which is dedicated to telling the story of St. Patrick, well worth a visit when visiting the cathedral. It is the only permanent exhibition dedicated to the saint in the whole world!





Slemish Mountain

A few miles east of the northern town of Ballymena sits Slemish Mountain. The tradition holds that St. Patrick was enslaved in the area as a youth and tended sheep herds on Slemish, and that was around the time that he found God. What makes Slemish even more interesting is that it is infact an extinct volcano! It sits distinctly with its steep and rugged upper reaches amongst the flat surrounding fields and bogland. Due to its ties to the saint, it is a popular place to visit on St. Patrick’s Day, with many people taking on the challenge of climbing to the top.

Belfast’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Concert

The city centre will be awash with colour and splendor on 17th March, with the parade kicking off from City Hall at 12 noon and making its way to Custom House Square and the concert following soon after at 12.30pm. Local music and dancers will be showcased at the concert with a few special guest appearances. There is no ticket required but entry to the concert will be on a first come first serve basis. A great day out for the whole family.





SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE.

Destination Abroad:

Sydney

Located on Australia's east coast, Sydney is the most populated city in the country. With its stretching coastline, incredible beaches and sparkling cityscape, Sydney is the perfect sunny destination.

Things to see and do

Bondi Beach, surrounding the suburban area of Sydney, is a very popular location to visit. Spanning about one kilometre, the beach is very popular with surfers as the waves are rated a four out of ten on the hazardous scale. However, the southern side of the beach is rated a seven, making the waters there only available mainly for surf goers. Nonetheless, the sun shines warmly on the beach most days of the year, and a cool breeze carries off the tide making Bondi Beach an almost unmissable location for those holidaying in Sydney.

Port Jackson, combining Sydney Harbour, Middle Harbour, North Harbour and the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, is the natural harbour of Sydney. The Opera House lies here, as does Sydney's Harbour Bridge, and many events are based on Port Jackson or on the actual harbour itself such as boat races, and the New Year's Eve celebration. There are several islands belonging to the port such as Shark Island, Clark Island, Fort Denison, Goat Island, Cockatoo Island, Spectacle Island, Snapper Island and Rodd Island. Port Jackson is a mine of scenic gems, and tourists in Sydney would much enjoy the port anytime of the year.



SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE.

The Sydney Opera House itself is definitely a point of interest when visiting Sydney, lying on Bennelong Point on Sydney Harbour, the Opera House could not possibly be missed, with its stunning expressionist design and covering 4.4 acres of land, the Opera House is an attraction known widely throughout the world. It has a total of 5,738 seats and can hold many events at the same time. It's no great wonder that it has earned the 'UNESCO World Heritage Site' title.

Sydney Harbour is surrounded by hundreds of kilometres of sparkling shoreline, and acts as a way of connecting people with different parts of Sydney itself. Overlooking the Opera House and Harbour Bridge, the harbour is the perfect place to admire the beautiful buildings that Sydney has come to be famous for. Sydney Harbour is a great portal for people to go boating, walk around and observe the history and enjoy picturesque scenery. It is the ideal location for those visiting Sydney, and is almost certainly unmissable.

Located in the heart of Sydney, the Royal Botanic Gardens were opened in 1816 and is the oldest scientific institution in Australia, and also one of the most important botanical institutions in the world. Open every day of the year, with no charge whatsoever to enter, the gardens offer a scenic experience and an atmospheric venture through one of Sydney's oldest attractions.

Another major attraction worth mentioning would be the Sydney

Harbour Bridge, which is steeped in rich history. Almost 800 families had to be relocated from their homes so the houses could be demolished in order for the bridge to be constructed, and 16 construction workers lost their lives while building the massive structure. Shortly after being built, the bridge became popular for having planes fly under it from 1943 onwards; and if it wasn't people flying under the bridge, it was people climbing the bridge! The organisation BridgeClimb was established in 1998, attracting tourists and Sydneysiders alike to climb catwalks, ladders and stairs to the top of the bridge to be met by a spectacular view. So for anyone holidaying in Sydney the bridge is a must, whether you are interested in climbing it or not. bridgeclimb.com

During the weeks between February and March, one of Australia's most famous and well known events takes place: the Mardi Gras. Taking over Sydney for weeks on end, this festival celebrates the pride within the LGBT community, however, it was not met with the same excitement in the past as it is now. Back in June of 1978, the first Mardi Gras parade was organised as a major civil rights movements to emphasis the rights within the LGBT community. As the parade commenced, it came under harassment from the police and soon police brutality erupted and many revellers in the event were arrested. But today is a different day, and the Mardi Gras, now known as the 'Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras,' is an event know and anticipated worldwide. This highly anticipated event



BONDI BEACH.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS.



PHOTO: PETER LINN

takes place during the months of February and March, ensuing the city of Sydney in lights, music and floats.

Places to Eat & Drink

Twenty 8 Acres is named after the incredible 28 acre Darling Nursery in which the café stands, and was opened in 2013 by two chefs, Brendan Nolan and Adam Davis. The café is nestled away in the picturesque backstreets of Chippendale, and focuses on good quality, freshly produced food at an affordable price.

Inside a stunning heritage dining room, est. is described as a place which offers much more than just a meal, it offers an experience. This restaurant delivers tastes that tickle your every sense, and surroundings that you would see nowhere else in the world. est. is a unique, original establishment that strives to not only feed their customers, but entertain them and give them a time that will not be forgotten.

Where to stay

The Four Seasons Hotel Sydney offers complete luxury, with suites overlooking the beautiful Sydney Harbour and penthouse rooms looking out over the city, you will definitely not be deprived of a view. Restaurants

in the hotel like the Pei Modern and The Cabana offer an exquisite dining experience. However, this hotel is not just a place to sleep and eat, it offers so much more. A 20 metre heated outdoor pool in the glistening Australian climate makes for a spectacular experience you will never forget, and the holistic spa and fitness centre create the perfect opportunity to relax and unwind or get fit with cardio equipment and personal TV monitors, if you so desire.

Also to be considered, is the 25 year old InterContinental which has always been one of Sydney's choice hotels. With exceptional services it has a lot to offer. From classic rooms to executive suites, this hotel does not hold anything back when it comes to offering a complete pleasurable experience for its customers. With a stunning view from the rooms, you won't be at a loss if you stay in this stylistic hotel.

Getting There

Fly from Dublin to Dubai, get a connecting flight to Adelaide, Australia and another connecting flight to Sydney, with Emirates.

New Trends in Garden Design



BY DEIRDRE PRINCE



Similar to fashion, what is trendy in a garden can change from year to year. What's in one year, can be out the next, therefore, if your garden is in need of a little upgrading, try a few of these simple ideas advises Deirdre Prince.

Grow Your Own

Growing your own has become a priority in garden design with more and more people donating space to growing food, in an effort to becoming self-reliant. Usually it starts with a raised bed and can grow, if you'll pardon the pun, to larger areas of garden space being overtaken. It can also start on a much smaller scale, such as planting lettuce in window boxes and sometimes it leads to communities getting together to create larger gardening projects, such as community allotments. (Fig.1 Raised vegetable beds)

Seating areas

Finding a space in the garden that will catch the sun at whatever time of day you enjoy it, be it early morning or evening after work, is becoming a high priority on the list. I am frequently asked where to put the seating area and sometimes, the ideal location to maximise on the sun, is in a front garden. While this might scare some people, there are clever ways of screening with panels and planting to distract the view from passing pedestrians. (Fig.3 Fixed seating area)



Drought Tolerant Planting

With the introduction of water charges, garden planting is trending to species which don't require much watering. Many new gardens are introducing gravel gardens and planting which will survive drought conditions to avoid the need to water. (Fig.2 *Verbena bonariensis*)





Fences and Boundaries

Many existing gardens have timber fences which can look outdated and a bit shabby if not maintained. A great (and simple) way of bringing your garden up-to-date is to paint it a dark colour. Believe it or not, a dark colour, such as dark blue or black, can bring the planting into life. Its amazing just how lush green plants look when contrasted with a dark back drop. (Fig.4 Image of black painted fence with Acer sango kaku)

Wildflower Gardens

We like to think of this as a new modern idea however, 'Wild' gardens have been around since the 1800s, when Irish man, William Robinson, rebelled against the formal, rigid styles of Victorian gardens at the time, which tended to be geometric in style with orderly, symmetric patterns of bedding plants. With a diminishing bee population, we are encouraged to provide wildflower planting which provide pollen for them. (Fig.5 Wildflower mix)

Bin Stores

We have all have these ugly, brightly coloured plastic bins loitering in our gardens for some time now but tolerance is running low and I am being asked to include a bin store in my garden designs or something to hide these undesirables. I find that gardens with cleverly disguised bin storage, are generally more pleasing to look at, particularly if they are stored right beside your front door. (Fig.6 Bin store)

Ornamental grasses

Maybe it's the way tall ornamental grasses seem to swish in the wind or the fact that they are so low maintenance, which makes them much sought after in new gardens. The moment I suggest a tall Miscanthus, it pleases the most reluctant gardener. I love intermingling ornamental grasses in with herbaceous planting, particularly as they will still look great in the winter months when most garden flowers have long faded. (Fig.7 Stipa calamagrostis)

Climbing plant structures

Gone are the days of the diamond shaped flimsy trellis for the rambling rose. I love galvanised wire and vine eyes as it doesn't distract from the plant. I think it looks great even without a plan. If you think outside the box, there are lots more options for intertwining your clematis along a drab garden wall, such as this copper pipework frame. (Fig.8 Copper and Bamboo trellis)

In conclusion

Many new trends in garden design won't break the bank and a simple intervention such as a lick of paint or a scattering of wildflower seeds will bring your garden bang up-to-date. 🌱



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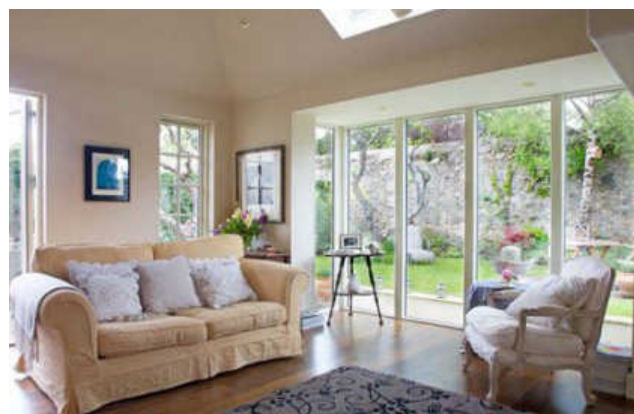
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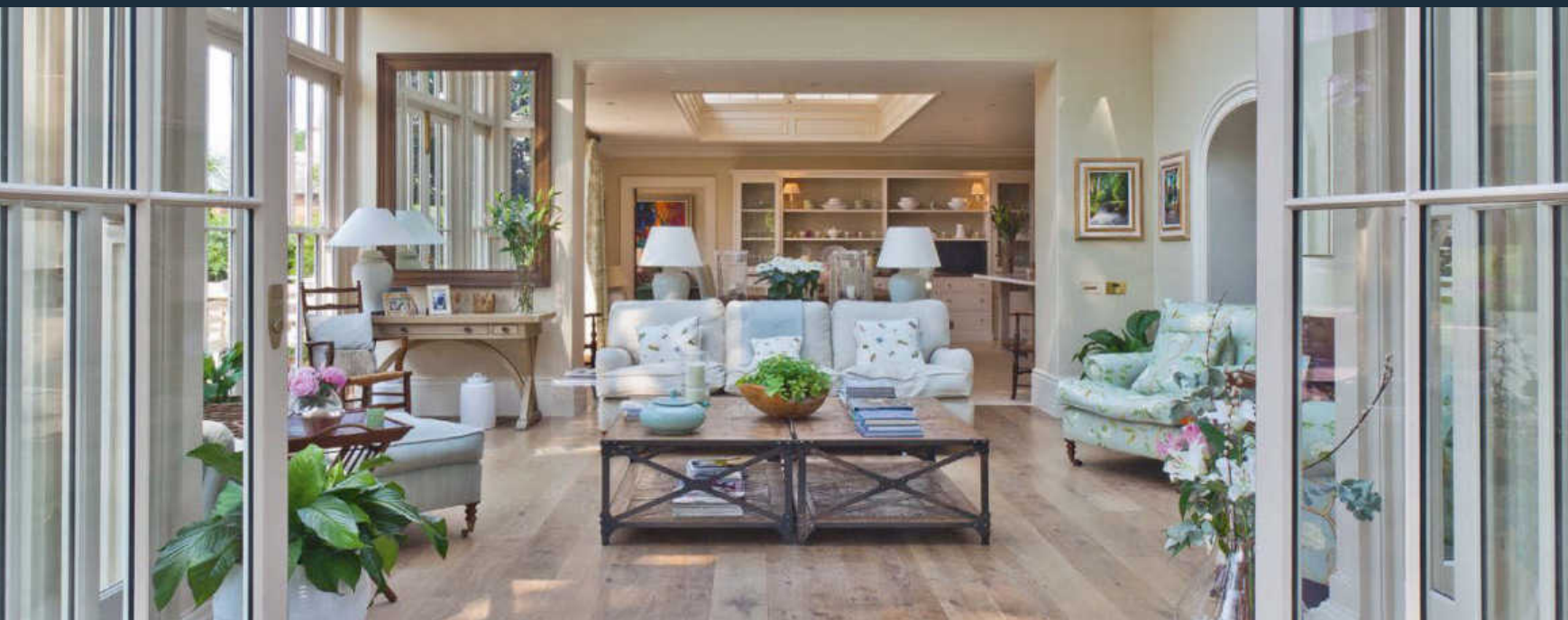
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